

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10, 13, 16-18, 20, 24, 25, 30-32, and 34-41 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 19, and 33 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 8, 10, 13, 20, 24, and 25 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 8, 10, 13, 16-18, 20, 24, 25, 30-32, and 34-41.

Claims 1, 2, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,775,412 (*Nister*); and Claim 33, as being obvious from *Nister* in view of U.S. Patent 6,381,280 (*Lynch*).

Cancellation of Claims 1, 2, 19, and 33 renders the rejections of those claims moot.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims having been allowed, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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